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1. SUMMARY. CENTERPIECE OF SECURITY COUNCIL (SC) DEBATE
ON RHODESIA MARCH 10 WAS A SHARP ATTACK BY COMMISSIONER
GARBA OF NIGERIA ON THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S PAST AND
PRESENT ROLE IN RHODESIA. CHINA, USSR AND SAUDI ARABIA

ALSO SPOKE. NEXT SESSION MARCH 13 AT 3:30 PM. END
SUMMARY.

2. NIGERIAN COMMISSIONER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS GARBA LED OFF MARCH 10 SC RHODESIA DEBATE WITH SHARP ATTACK ON BRITISH. DR. OWEN, GARBA SAID, HAD RUN AWAY FROM THIS DEBATE THE SAME WAY BRITAIN HAS RUN AWAY FROM HER RESPONSIBILITIES IN RHODESIA FOR THE LAST TWELVE YEARS. GARBA HOPED THAT THE US WOULD PROVIDE SOME "MUCH-NEEDED SPINE" TO HMG AND NOT BE TAKEN IN BY BRITISH "IN THEIR DESPICABLE MANEUVERS". BRITISH HESITATIONS, GARBA CONTINUED, HAVE FRUSTRATED ALL EFFORTS AT A JUST AND LASTING SETTLEMENT.

3. GARBA SAID THAT NIGERIA TREATED THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT WITH THE CONTEMPT IT DESERVED AND TOTALLY REJECTED IT. IT WAS A BLATANT FRAUD, WHOSE AIM WAS TO PERPETUATE WHITE RACIST CONTROL. OWEN'S POSITIVE STATEMENT ON THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT MADE IT CLEARER THAT THE ADMINISTERING POWER WAS NOW UNWILLING TO DISCHARGE ITS RESPONSIBILITIES. THE OFFICIAL US STATEMENT WAS ALSO A "TERRIBLE DISAPPOINTMENT".

4. GARBA SAID THAT THE NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT STILL REGARDED THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSAL (AAP) AS A REASONABLE BASIS FOR A SETTLEMENT. THE AAP STILL STOOD A "SLIGHT" CHANCE
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OF SUCCESS. THE MALTA TALKS WERE BY NO MEANS A FAILURE BUT NOW, IT SEEMED, BY ACCIDENT OR BY DESIGN, THE AAP HAS SLIPPED INTO THE DEEP-FREEZE. GARBA CALLED ON THE SC TO TAKE CLEAR, DECISIVE ACTION TO REJECT THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT AND PROMOTE A GENUINE SETTLEMENT. REGARDING SANCTIONS, THE COUNCIL SHOULD NOT ALLOW THE UK TO CONTINUE TO BLOCK PRESSURES TO BRING DOWN SMITH. IN A THINLY-VEILED THREAT, GARBA SAID AFRICA HOPED THAT SHE WOULD NOT HAVE TO CALL ON HER "RELIABLE FRIENDS" TO SUPPLY ARMS WITH WHICH TO BRING THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE TO ITS LOGICAL CONCLUSION.

5. CHINA (LAI YA-LI) CALLED THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT AN "OUT-AND-OUT FRAUD." AS USUAL, CHINESE VENOM WAS RESERVED FOR "THAT OTHER SUPERPOWER" WHICH WAS UNDERMINING THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA TO SUIT ITS OWN HEGEMONISTIC AMBITIONS.

6. USSR (TROYANOVSKY) CALLED ON THE COUNCIL TO REPUDIATE THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT AND SAID THAT THE USSR RECOGNIZED THE PATRIOTIC FRONT AS THE SOLE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE. HE ACCUSED THE US AND UK OF

BACKING DOWN FROM THEIR EARLIER CRITICISMS OF SMITH'S EFFORTS TO NEGOTIATE AN INTERNAL SETTLEMENT. HE SAID THE SOVIETS WERE NEITHER SUPPORTERS NOR FOLLOWERS OF THE AAP. IT WAS, HE CONTINUED, THE CONNIVANCE OF THE US AND UK WHICH ALLOWED SMITH TO CONTINUE HIS AGGRESSIVE ACTIONS. THEREFORE THE SC SHOULD TAKE ACTION TO ENFORCE STRICT OBSERVANCE OF UN SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA.

7. MAURITIUS (RAMPHUL) TOOK THE FLOOR TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE AFRICAN GROUP EXPECTED TO FINISH A DRAFT RESOLUTION MARCH 10, WHICH WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR NEGOTIATION WITH OTHERS MARCH 11. THEY HOPED TO INTRODUCE IT MARCH 13 AND

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CALL FOR A VOTE MARCH 14.

8. SAUDI ARABIA (BAROODY) PLEADED IN HIS
INEVITABLE FASHION FOR A CONSTRUCTIVE RESULT. NEXT
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